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SUBJECT: GOU VIEWS ON CUBA IN OAS

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1. SUMMARY: FORMIN BLANCO CALLED ME IN ON EVENING SEPT 6, AS HE DID SEPARATELY AMBASSADORS OF OTHER OAS MEMBER STATES. HE HANDED ME A MEMORANDUM (TEXT BELOW) ON GOU POSITION VIS-A-VIS LIFTING OF OAS SANCTIONS ON CUBA WHICH HE LATER GAVE TO PRESS IN A PRESS CONFERENCE. TO ME, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO PRESS, BLANCO SAID GOU WOULD NOT OPPOSE A MEETING TO CONSIDER LIFTING SANCTIONS BUT THAT IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST LIFTING SANCTIONS AND WOULD NOT RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA WHATEVER THE OUTCOME.

2. BLANCO EMPHASIZED TO ME THAT URUGUAY HAS "INTIMATE" REASON TO KNOW THAT CUBA HAS NOT CEASED ITS EFFORTS TO FOMENT REVOLUTION AND HAS NOT, THEREFORE CLEANSSED ITSELF OF THE CONDITION WHICH CAUSED THE OAS TO VOTE SANCTIONS

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IN THE FIRST PLACE. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE "SERENITY" OF THE URUGUAYAN STATEMENT AND THE TOTAL ABSENCE OF INFLAMMATORY ADJECTIVES AND RHETORIC. URUGUAY BELIEVES, HE SAID, THAT IT IS NOW URGENT TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF CUBA WITHIN THE OAS ITSELF SO AS TO DO NO FURTHER VIOLENCE TO THIS ESSENTIAL ORGANIZATION THROUGH UNILATERAL ACTS WHICH HAVE TENDED TO IGNORE THE ORGANIZATION AND THUS LOWER ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND PRESTIGE. BUT OF EQUAL IF NOT GREATER IMPORTANCE; HE SAID, IS THE NEED TO PROCEED CALMLY, INTELLIGENTLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY TO DEVELOP THE ALL-IMPORTANT "NEW DIALOGUE". FAILURE TO DEAL WITH THE OAS NOW WITH THE PROBLEM OF CUBA, BLANCO SAID, MIGHT WELL PREJUDICE THE ATMOSPHERE TO THE NEW DIALOGUE AND PROBABLY EVEN DESTROY THE CHANCE OF MAKING FUNDAMENTAL PROGRESS IN THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING.

3. COMMENTING BRIEFLY, I REITERATED THE STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY MADE BY PRESIDENT FORD. IN DOING SO I SAID I BELIEVED MY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PLEASED BY URUGUAY'S DETERMINATION TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF CUBA SANCTIONS WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF THE OAS AS THIS COINCIDES WITH OUR OWN POLICY. I NOTED ALSO PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT THAT WITHIN THIS CONTEXT THE U.S. WOULD EXERCISE ITS "OPTIONS". TEXT OF URUGUAYAN STATEMENT FOLLOWS IN TRANSLATION:

"IN THESE DAYS THE INITIATIVE TO REVISE THE SANCTIONS APPLIED TO THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT BY THE IX MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS BEING RAISED.

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES URUGUAY CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY AND OPPORTUNE TO MAKE KNOWN ITS OPINION IN THAT RESPECT:

1. IN CASE A SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER THE MATTER IS SOUGHT, URUGUAY WILL NOT OPPOSE IT, IN LINE WITH ITS TRADITIONAL OPENNESS TOWARDS THE FREE CONSIDERATION OF ALL HEMISPHERIC MATTERS. THUS THE NORMAL FOUNCTIONING OF ALL ORGANS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IS FACILITATED AND THE MATTER RAISED BY OTHER NATIONS OF THE CONTINENT IS DEALT WITH.

2. IN THE EVENTUALITY THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER
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IS DECIDED (URUGUAY) BELIEVES THAT A SPECIAL COMMISSION SHOULD BE CREATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRECEDENTS, WITH THE TASK OF GATHERING THE ELEMENTS OF JUDGEMENT CONCERNING WHETHER REVISION OF THE SANCTIONS IS JUSTIFIED.
3. IN ANY CASE, THE ISSUE SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES, NORMS AND PRINCIPLES FORESEEN IN

INTER-AMERICAN INSTRUMENTS.

4. THE POINTS OF VIEW(OF URUGUAY) WITH RESPECT TO THE
SUBSTANCE (OF THE MATTER) ARE THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE ISSUE WHICH SHOULD BE EXAMINED AND DECIDED IS
THE OBSERVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION
CONSECATED IN THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
AMERICAN STATES;

B. THE DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE, THEN, HAS NO IDEOLOGICAL
SENSE; DOES NOT RESPOND TO PRESUMED ALIGNMENTS OR
BLOCS; DOES NOT RESULT FROM THE FACT OF IDEOLOGICAL
PLURALITY; NOR IS IT A CONSEQUENCE OF AN ARBITRARY
CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO THEIR INTERNAL
POLITICAL SYSTEMS;

C. THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS, FOR ITS PART,
THAT THE CONDITIONS WHICH MIGHT JUSTIFY THE LIFTING
OF SANCTIONS IMPOSED HAVE NOT BEEN MET, GIVEN THE
EVIDENCE OF ACTS OF CUBAN INTERVENTION IN URUGUAY OVER
THE LAST FEW YEARS;

D. IN LIKE MANNER, DEEDS OR ACTS WHICH MIGHT DEMONSTRATE
A SUBSTANTIAL RECTIFICATION OF CUBAN POLICY HAVE NOT
BEEN NOTED.

E URUGUAY, IN CONSONANCE WITH ITS TRADITIONS AND
CHARACTER, ALWAYS IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE
MANNER WITH ALL INITIATIVES TENDING TO STRENGTHEN AND
DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING, WITHOUT A WEAKENING OF SECURITY, IN
THE CONTEXT OF A PERMANENT POLICY OF PEACE INSCRIBED IN
THE NEW INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE;

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F. (URUGUAY) WILL PARTICIAPTE IN THE ANALYSIS AND
DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE IN A SPIRIT OF CONTINENTAL
SOLIDARITY AND DEEP UNDERSTANDING, DESPITE THE INEVITABLE
DISCREPANCIES, CHERISHING THE CERTAINTY THAT IN THIS
CASE THE SOLID MATURITY OF INTER-AMERICAN INSTRUMENTS
AND OF OUR COUNTRIES WILL BE REVEALED."

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